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8 September 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, MIS.

Subject: Pacific MIRS.

1. Reference is made to Intra-Office Memorandum from Chief, MIS to the A. C. of S., G-2 dated 7 September 1944 above subject, Memorandum to Chief, MIS from Colonel Lovell dated one week earlier on the same subject and attached to previous reference; Memorandum for the Commanding General, Military Intelligence Training Center, Camp Ritchie, Maryland, signed by the A. C. of S., G-2 above subject dated 28 August, 1944 and Memorandum for the Chief of Staff from the A. C. of S., G-2 Subject: Establishment of Pacific MIRS, dated 10 May 1944, with Tabs A and B.

2. The last reference was approved by the Chief of Staff and authorizes personnel set forth by Tabs A and B. This provides the necessary personnel for the initial staffing of MIRS. It is desired that this staff as rapidly as individuals are available, be ordered as individuals to MIRS at Camp Ritchie. This personnel will be under the operational control of the Chief, MIS. The personnel will be under the administration and discipline of the Commanding Officer, Military Intelligence Training Center, Camp Ritchie. This relationship was clearly outlined in the memorandum of 28 August previously referred to. This memorandum was prepared by MIS and approved by the undersigned. It is not clear why any question as to the responsibility of MIS should arise over a document which was prepared in that Division.

3. It is desired that the Pacific MIRS begin operations with available personnel and material immediately at Camp Ritchie utilizing therefore any facilities made available to it by the Commanding Officer, Camp Ritchie.

4. Reference is also made to Memorandum for the A. C. of S., G-2 Subject: Construction Expense for Activation of Pacific, MIRS, signed by the Chief, MIS on 4 September 1944. The necessary fluorescent lighting is approved and arrangements should be made through the Commanding Officer, MTC for its installation. This should be done with funds available for the maintenance of the Post. Details must be worked out by the Post Commander with the Third Service Command. It is noted that the reference memorandum pertains to estimates for conversion of a warehouse to a school. We have no concern with the establishment of a school. It might be desirable to make the conversion indicated in Tab 1 of the 4 September Memorandum. Obviously these conversions are not necessary at this time and the matter of the expenditure of nearly \$8,000 will require careful study and scrutiny. This Division was informed that establishment of MIRS could be accomplished at Camp Ritchie without expenditure. In view of that statement I am not disposed to approve anything other than the lighting at this time. Lighting installations should

be on the basis of ultimately taking care of all three floors, but initially only that for which a requirement can be foreseen between now and the first of January.

5. With reference to 31 August memorandum, the handling of documents pertaining to aviation for the Air Ministry, the Army and the Navy, is covered by an agreement approved by General White, Admiral Schuirmann and Air Vice Marshal Inglis and G-2. Copy of the agreement can be procured through the Policy Staff. Colonel Snow is cognizant of the detailed arrangements. G-2 has a responsibility for all document research on the Japanese enemy for the agencies listed above. The above answers in part the questions raised in paragraph 2 of 31 August memorandum.

6. No arrangements have been made for the transmission from Theaters to Pacific, MIRS of captured Japanese documents. Instructions to carry out the agreement for the Air Force documents should be issued by MIRS in conformance with the plan and policy agreed to by the Service Members of Joint Intelligence Committee and approved by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The JCS paper is readily procurable.

7. Arrangements with the Southwest Pacific and China-Burma-India should be made direct by MIRS in the name of the A. C. of S., G-2, War Department. These papers should be cleared by G-2 before dispatch. They should in general be standardized instructions. No detailed arrangements have yet been made covering the Pacific Ocean Area or the documents with the Navy other than those pertaining to aviation referred to above. The necessary implementing papers should be prepared for exchange between G-2 and Admiral Schuirmann to bring about the desired handling of documents between MIRS and the Pacific Area. Necessary implementing papers should be prepared from G-2 to British DMI to bring about the procurement of documents from the Southeast Asia Command. The documents should be brought in through the British Command channels and should be fully coordinated with the processing of documents for other areas.

8. The first necessity appears to be to secure up to date lists of documents that have been translated in the various theaters. These should be carded in a common file and all theaters should be kept apprised of the work that has been done in other Theaters. This is necessary to avoid duplication and the wastage of critically short translators.

9. The Pacific MIRS should be built on the principle that the respective Theater Commanders rapidly process the papers of local interest to them forwarding the copies of their translations promptly to MIRS. MIRS should reproduce papers of interest to other Theaters and arrange that they are forwarded promptly while they have intelligence value. Originals of documents captured which have a value extending beyond the perview of the Theater, should be forwarded to MIRS for ultimate disposition. Copies of documents already available to Pacific MIRS as indicated by its published list, should not be forwarded. Captured documents beyond the immediate tactical requirements of the Theater Commanders should be kept available to MIRS who should do the majority of the

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of the technical and long range research work. The Southwest Pacific Theater and the Pacific Ocean Area are swamped with document work and if properly approached, would be glad to pass on a part of the document load which they are unable to process.

10. The above completes the answers to paragraph 2.a.

11. Firm commitment has been obtained from Army Air Forces as indicated above. No firm commitment has been obtained from the U.S. Navy for other than air documents. The procedure indicated above is the first step to secure the necessary firm commitment. This answers question 2.b.

12. Paragraph 2.c. has been answered above.

13. No arrangements have been made for participation in the Pacific MIRS by personnel from the various technical intelligence services of the Army Service Forces. This answers question 2.d. of the 31 August memorandum. There was no indication in the 10 May memorandum prepared for my signature that any such arrangements were contemplated, nor was provision therefor specifically made in the list of personnel officer or enlisted, for which approval was procured from the Chief of Staff.

14. No authority has been granted to establish direct liaison between the Pacific MIRS and Theater Document Sections. No formal direct liaison with Theater Document Sections should be established until the procedure indicated above has been carried out. It is essential that the matter be cleared on higher levels before formal correspondence is carried out with the Theater Document Sections. There is no objection to a limited amount of informal correspondence with Theater Document Sections of American Army Theaters (SWP and CBI) but any informal communications should be of an informational and personal nature.

15. If there are any further questions, it is desired that they be submitted in writing at once. In the meantime it is desired that the Chief, MIRS get going on this activity with maximum energy. Colonel Lovell knows the technical procedure. He is under your direct control.

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